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Major Robert Beverley and His Descendants.

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(CONTINUED.)

15. ROBERT⁵ BEVERLEY (*Harry*,² *Robert*¹), "son of Captain Harry Beverley and Madam Elizabeth, his wife, was born November 6, 1701" (*Christ Church Register*); married, April 10, 1729, Ann, daughter of William Stanard, of Middlesex county (*Ibid*), and died in 1733. His seat was "Newlands," Spotsylvania county, and he was a rather exceptional instance of a Virginian of large estate who never held public office. His time seems to have been chiefly given up to the accumulation of a large landed estate. In the first volume *Calendar of Virginia State Papers* appears the following letter:

" May 20, 1724.

S'r. I desire you wou'd survey the order of Council I entered w'th you for Sixteen thousand acres of Land, Beginning at the upper end of my father's patent on Pamunkey River for length and a mile and a half back for breadth. I desire you would divide it into thousand acres, and return the plats in the following names: the Lowest thousand for myself, the next for my sister Mary,⁴ the next Margaret⁴ Beverley, the next Susanna⁴ Beverley, the next Catherine⁶ Beverley, 6, Judith Beverley, 7, Agatha Beverley, 8, Will'm Stanard, 9, Elizabeth Stanard, 10, Beverley Stanard, 11, Sarah Stanard, 12, Ann Stanard, 13, Wm. Wily, 14, John Wily, 15, Harry Gaines, 16, Bartholomew Yates, Jur. If you can, by Surveying the whole, and afterwards plot it of, in thousand acres, it will save a great deal of charge, and I shall take it as a very great favour. I desire you would make this Survey, as soon as you can. I will be paymaster for the whole.

I am y'r very humble serv't,

ROBT. BEVERLEY.

To Coll. James Taylor. These.

In the year — Robert Beverley patented 24,000 acres of land in Spotsylvania (now in Greene), called the "Octonia" tract. Various Acts of Assembly required that improvements of a certain proportionate value should be made on all patented lands to prevent their lapsing to the crown, such improvements to be approved under the direction of the county courts. The owners of land appear to have taken full advantage of all expenses that they could possibly credit themselves with. The appraisement of expenses and improvements on the Octonia tract

is a good example, and also of the cost of securing large patents. In obedience to an order of Spotsylvania court, dated June 6, 1732, Benjamin Cave, Richard Winslow, and Henry Dennis ("in accordance with a petition of Robert Beverley, Esq.") valued his improvements and expenses on "a tract of 24,000 acres called the Octonia, at the mountains in this county." The report fills many pages of a large record book. Among the items are the following: The charge of taking up and surveying, £200; the trouble and risque of 14 men and their horses, 21 days at 10 shillings per day each, £147; the Rights bonded for, £120; 20 per cent. on do., £24; charge and trouble of obtaining said patent, £50; charge of petitioning for said land, Secretary's and lawyer's fees, £75; attending General Court, 5 Courts about the said petition, with all charges of the journey at £20 per cent, £100; trouble, charge and risque of going to Octonia three times before it was settled, 1st time 7 men, 8 days; 2d time 6 men, 12 days; 3d time 8 men, 11 days, and their horses each time, at 10 shillings each per day, £325; to the rights paid, £120; to 20 per cent. on do., £24; the trouble and expense of getting this patent, going to Williamsburg 3 times, and to Col. Grymes's once, £100; interest on the above money being 6 years before the land was settled, £447; various charges for Holland duck for bags, narrow hoes, grubbing hoes, billing hoes, broad hoes, bells, broad hatchet, ten-gallon pots, frying pans, adz, broad axes, cross-cut saw, gimlets, salt, rum, hobbles ropes and straps, cart and horses, &c., &c.; to 7 white men and horses and 8 negroes 35 days, settling the quarter, the white men and horses at 10 shillings per day, and the negroes at 5 shillings, £192. 10; "to risque of ye eight negroes lives, their ware and tare," £50; "to risque of ye 7 white men their ware and tare," £75; "to my own trouble and ware and tare and risque of my life," £80; also very many items for supplies of various kinds; total £11,234. 17. 8½.

Robert Beverley possessed a valuable library, part of which he inherited from his father. Armorial book-plates of Harry and Robert Beverley are preserved.

Besides the lands spoken of Mr. Beverley owned other considerable estates. In 1765 and 1766 acts were passed by the Assembly to dock the entail on certain lands belonging to his son, Harry Beverley, and in them it was recited: "Whereas Robert Beverley, formerly of the county of Spotsylvania, esquire, was seized in fee simple of a valuable tract of land called Newland, where he lived, containing about three thousand six hundred acres; of another tract of valuable lands at Portobago, in the county of Essex, containing about two thousand seven hundred acres, and of a large tract of remote lands called Octonia, in the county of Orange, containing twenty-four thousand acres," "And was also seized of divers other lands in fee taille."

Robert and Ann Beverley had issue, one son: 29. *Harry*.⁴ Mrs. Ann Beverley married (II) (license Spotsylvania, June 11, 1738) Col.

Wm. Waller (died 1700), who was for many years member of the House of Burgesses from Spotsylvania.

The inventory of "Robert Beverley, of Newlands, Esquire," contains, among other items, the following: At Newlands, 7 negroes, 2 globes, 2 silver hilted swords, one old chaise and harness for two horses, 12 silver spoons, 6 tea spoons, 1 silver soup ladle, 1 small silver can, 9 "disert" knives and forks in a case, 6 case knives & forks, 1 silver can, 1 silver porringer; at Portobago Quarter 10 negroes; at the Meadow Quarter, 10 negroes; at Octonia Quarter & mill, two servants and 8 negroes; at Rymers, 13 negroes. After the death of Col. Wm. Waller a statement was recorded in Spotsylvania that Mrs. Ann Waller possessed 21 slaves as her dower in the estate of Robert Beverley, deceased.

The following is a copy of the will of Robert Beverley:

In the name of God, Amen! I, Robert Beverley of the Parish of St. George & county of Spotsylvania, being in good health of body & of sound & perfect mind & memory, Knowing the uncertainty of human life & being willing that the worldly estate w^{ch} it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me wth should be disposed of in such manner after my Decease as I shall hereinafter direct, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following; vizt:

Imprimis: I do bequeath my soul to God in hopes of a Joyfull resurrection unto Eternal life through the merits and Intercession of my Dear redeemer & Saviour Jesus Christ, my body to the Earth from whence it came to be buried in such decent Manner as my Executors hereinafter named shall think proper.

Item. It is my will that all my Just debts & funeral Expenses be first Justly paid and discharged.

Item. It is my will that the acct. of the Estate of my late father, Mr. Harry Beverley, deceased, be —— fairly & Justly settled with my sisters & the husbands of them that are married and whatever is due to them for their parts of the same be Justly paid to them, Either in money or in any part of my father's personall estate that is left in specie as they shall choose. And it is my will that no account which I had against my father, Mr. Harry Beverley, dec'd, before his death be brought agst his Estate in the settlement above directed; I hereby freely remitting everything that was due to me from my father before his death; and only those accounts that I have against his estate since his Death be taken as a charge against his Estate in the settlement above directed.

Item. I give unto my nephew, Beverley Stanard, & to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever Six thousand acres of land, part of my tract of land at the Mountains in Spotsylvania County, commonly called the Octonia land, to be laid off at the upper end of said tract, the whole breadth thereof and to come downward from the upper end untill it makes the said Six thousand acres.

Item. I give unto Mr. Benjamin Winslow, my brotherinlaw, & to the

heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever three thousand acres of land, part of my tract of land at the mountains in Spotsylvania county commonly called the Octonia land to be laid off at the lower end of the said tract & running up to the mouth of the Clow run, thence up the Clow run untill a line from thence to some of the lower lines w^{ch} run nigh the southwest mountains will make the said three thousand acres of land, only it is my will that fifty acres of land adjoining to my mill and below the Clow run be first laid off in an oblong on the run side.

Item. I give unto Anthony Head & to his heirs forever two hundred acres of land, part of my said Octonia tract to be laid off on the upper side of the Clow run in an exact square and to include the plantation the said Head now lives on.

Item. I give unto Robert Dearing & to his heirs forever two hundred acres of land, part of my said Octonia tract to be laid off on the lower side of the Clow run and bounded according to a survey thereof lately made by Mr. Benjamin Winslow.

Item. It is my will that my whole estate be kept together untill it (raise besides the Yearly expences thereof, the paying the debts I owe & the legacy I do herein bequeath) five hundred pounds sterling which sum when so raised I do desire and order to be laid out by my executors to the best advantage in negro slaves, w^{ch} slaves when so bought I give and bequeath unto my son Harry and I do desire that the said slaves may be settled on my land for his life.

Item. It is my will that my three unmarried sisters, Mary, Catherine and Agatha have their board and live in my house at Newland in the same manner they have used to do with me in my lifetime untill they marry; w^{thout} any charge or expense to them.

Item. It is my will that my two sisters Catherine and Agatha work their negroes on my dwelling plantation called Newland untill they marry w^{thout} paying any consideration for the same.

Item. I Give and bequeath unto my two sisters Catherine and Agatha six pounds currant money p^r annum besides the product of their own slaves untill they marry.

Item. I lend unto my dear wife Ann Beverley after that clause in this my will w^{ch} Directs five hundred pounds sterling to be raised and laid out in negroes for the benefit of my son is complied with one Entire third part of all my negroes, stock & land and all my other personall estate except the negroes and stock without being obliged to make up any account for the same wth my son when he comes of age, that is; & my meaning is; that she my said wife Ann Beverley shall have the use of my whole personall estate except negroes and stock immediately after my death and the use of the third part of my negroes and stock, after the above mentioned clause is complied with during her naturall life & it is my will that my estate be neither appraised nor sold, only inventoried.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my dear and only son Harry Beverley all the rest of my estate both reall and personall, to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever.

Item. It is my will & desire and I do order and Impower my Executors to sell the one thousand acres of land which I bought of Joseph Harris, and also ye nine hundred and twenty acres of land in Caroline County binding upon ye lands of William Durrett for money—the most that can be gott.

Item. I desire that ye affairs of my land with ye “Iron Mine Company” on Pamunkey may be settled and that ye fifteen hundred acres of land being ye upper half part of a tract of land called Camm’s land & now due to me from ye said Company may be laid off & deeds thereof made to my Executors & that my executors also sell the said land for money—the most that can be gott & that my said executors buy for each of my sisters a young negro out of the said money.

Item. I give all the land that I have in that tract at pamunkey to my five sisters that have part there already, to them and their heirs forever, to be equally divided between them.

Item. I give unto my sister Stanard’s two daughters all the right which I have in Mr. Stanard’s estate except the negroes, and I give them each a negro out of my share of the negroes of the said estate.

Item. I make and appoint my dear and loving wife, during her widowhood—and my cousin William Beverley Executors of this my last will & testament, and after my dear wife shall happen to marry, then my will is, that my brother Benjamin Winslow be one of my executors.

Item. It is my will that my dear son Harry be not sent to England, but put to school at ye college at the age of ten years & there kept as long as shall be necessary, that is, till he is one & twenty years old, to learn all such things as is necessary for a gentleman & can be taught him there.

Item. I appoint my cousin William Beverley to be the guardian of my son Harry.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this 12th day of May in ye year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three.

ROBERT BEVERLEY. [Seal.]

Signed, sealed & delivered to be his last will and testament in the presence of us—the interlineation in ye clause about the land called Camm’s land & that about ye pamunkey land being first made.

ELIAS WAFF,
JEROME ARMOR,
LARKIN CHEW,
W. BEVERLEY.

Item. I do order my executor to sell all my houses and lotts in ye town of Urbanna for the most money that can be gott for them.

Item. I do hereby disannull the power of executorship by this my will given to Benjamin Winslow.

ROBT. BEVERLEY. [Seal.]

Signed, sealed in the presence of us,

ELIAS WAFF

JEROME ARMOR.

the mark of

MARY M MUCKENBREE.

At a court held for Spotsylvania County on Tuesday, June ye 5th, 1733.

This will being exhibited & sworn to by William Beverley, gent., one of the executors therein named was proved by the oaths of Elias Waff & Larkin Chew, likewise the codicil of the said will was proved by the oaths of Elias Waff and Mary Muckentree the witnesses thereto and admitted to record.

Test: JOHN WALLER, Cl'k C'urt.

At a Court held for Spotsylvania County on Tuesday, November 6th, 1733.

Mrs. Anna Beverley widow of Robert Beverley, Esq., Dec'd, came into court and accepted of the Executorship of her late husband's last will and took ye oaths as the law directs.

Test: JOHN WALLER, Cl'k C'urt.

A true copy from the Record.

Teste: J. P. H. CRISMOND, C. C.

A list of books taken from the inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of Robert Beverley, deceased, of Newland, Spotsylvania county, Va., and recorded in Spotsylvania county court February 4th, 1734: [The clerk's copy has been followed exactly.]

Tillotson's Works, 3 vols.

Lock's Works, 3 vols.

Temple's Works, 2 vols.

Statutes at large, 3 vols.

Harris's Lexicon tectin., 2 vols.

Kennett's Hist. England, 3 vols.

Burnett's Hist. of his own times,
1st. vol.

Puffendross' Law of Nature and
Nats.

Marhams Works.

An old Bible of ye old eddition.

Mox on the Globes.

Mayer's Eccles: interprets.

Lukenor's Comon of Venice.

Bacon's Essays.

William's 7 Golden Candlesticks.

Sclaters Expo. of 1st and 2nd

Thessalonians.

Palmers Catholique planeispher.

- Whitlock's Memorials.
 Hooker's Eccles. Polity.
 Prideau's Connect, 2 vols.
 Pettus of Mettals.
 Chillingworth's Works.
 Wells Maps.
 Pearson on the Creed.
 Evelyns Sylva.
 Boys' Exposition.
 The natural hist. of annimals.
 2 Commonplace books begun by
 Mr. Beverley. Quarto.
 Littleton's Dictionary.
 Robinson's Lixicon.
 Crachanthorps Logic; Lat.
 Coles Lat. Dictionary.
 Cotton's Works.
 Beveridges's Private thoughts.
 Stanhopes Xtian pattern.
 Boyers Dictionary.
 Virgilinus: Delph:
 Pussendorss introd. to hist. of Eu-
 rope.
 Tulleys offices Cum: Not: Vari.
 Coles Dictionary.
 Senecas Moralls.
 Chaynes philos. principles.
 Falconers Voyages.
 Wells Geography.
 Grotius of War & peace, 2 vols.
 Dawson's Lexicon.
 Wilkins Natural religion.
 Gordons Geography.
 Shaftsbury's Charact., 3 vol.
 Bacons Essays.
 Mattgers French Gramer.
 Morden's Introd. to asstron. &c.
 Homer's Greek & Lat.
 Cicero de oratore.
 Wards Algebra.
 Erasmus Colloq:
 Christian Birthrights.
 Theophrastus on the mars. of the
 age.
 Synonyma Graca. Mart.
- A large quarto Bible.
 Octavo "
 Clarendon's hist., 6 vols, with cutts.
 A detection of the Court of Eng-
 land during the reign of James
 1st.
 Pells Astronomy.
 Stanhopes parsons xtian Direct.
 Roscommons & Dukes Poems.
 Edwards survey of all religions.
 Dispt. & Gillys Virgil.
 Horace in usum Dalphioni.
 Dr. Sacheverals Tryal.
 Epictetus's Morals.
 Keils Astronomy.
 Flows in usum Delphini.
 Beveridge's private thoughts.
 Manly's Novels.
 Life of a private Gent.
 Clark on the Trinity, 12°.
 Plutarch's Moralls, 5 vols.
 A bri: Virg'a Laws,
 Biblia Sacra.
 Clark's Grotius.
 De Charles Euclid in Eng'h.
 Greek Testament.
 Officium Homineis.
 Spectat's, 8 vols., Tatlers, 4 vols.
 Phillips Poems.
 Milton's Paradice Lost.
 Garths Dispensatory.
 Cockmans Tullys offices.
 Echards Gazetteer.
 popes homer, 6 vol.
 Solomons junct poo.
 Dialogor Sac.
 Illust: postar: & flores.
 Ovid, Metamorph.
 Ovids Epist.
 Ovids Metamorph. w'th far. nab.
 notes.
 Clavis Greca. Linguea.
 Secret hist. of Queen Eliza'th.
 Hudibras.
 Terentii.

- Rulandis.
 French Litturgy.
 Letters and billets, Garlands.
 Pomfret's Poems.
 Oughsteeds Mathematicks.
 Clark's Tutor.
 Barrows Euclid Lat.
 Virgil w'th Minellius' notes.
 Baronius's Theolog.
 Leyboneus Astronomy.
 Ovids Metamor. Cum. not. Minel-
 lis.
 Tully's Offices Lat.
 Tullys Select Epistles.
 Salust with notes.
 Justin with notes.
 Browns use of the Triangle.
 Walkers Epicures.
 Cook's Logic.
 Greek Epigram.
 Oldisworths Encyclopoedia.
 The Litturgy.
 Johnson's Mathematicks.
 Catos Works by Hood.
 The posing of the accidence.
 Duhamels Philos.
 Drexelius on Eternity.
 Gerhardi Meditat. Sacrae.
 Mores Utopia.
 Osborns advice to a son.
 Corderius College Euqui, Lat.
 Lilleys Gramer.
 Englands Treasure by Her: Trade.
 The Ruin & Repairs of King-
 doms.
 Horace.
 Terence.
 Garrotson's Exercises.
 Seneca.
 Rowels Catech.
 Latin Testament.
 Scholia or Isocrates.
 Martial.
 Ovid de tristubus.
 Bakers Arithmetick.
 Greek Testament.
 On Faith.
 The Secratary of Ladies.
 The Confession of Faith.
 A Brief of Concordance.
 The duty of Man.
 Part of Boyles rec'pts.
 Virgil's works.
 Greek Common Prayer.
 Terence.
 Dialogues Greek: Eng. & Lat.
 Caesers Commentary.
 Lucieus Select Dialogues.
 Hesiods, Theocritus, &c.
 Ravis'y Textoris.
 Delitia Delitiarum.
 Epistolarium Lib 14.
 Easop's Fables Lat.
 Epistol Ravisig. Textoris: Salust.
 Part of Moore's Utopia.
 Juvenal & Persius.
 Quintus Curtius.
 Job in Greek & Lat. verse.
 Terence.
 Harnaby's retorick.
 Hicks Select Essays.
 Dexter & Student.
 Clenards Gr. Gramer.
 Homers Illiads, Lat. & Greek.
 Dugards Pretoris, &c.
 Englands Dictionary.
 Aesops Fables.
 Index Poeticus.
 Greek Gramer.
 Part of Ovid Metamorp.
 Homer's Illiads—Gr. & Lat.
 Wats. Lat. Dictionary.
 Gradus ad pernassum.
 Life of Wm. Burkett.
 Grounds & occasions of the con-
 tempt of the Clergy.
 Jaducksmus triumphatus.
 Additional annot's of the old &
 new Testaments.
 Mangers French Gramers.

Matials Epigrams.	Temples Memoirs.
Homers Odys. Gr. & Lat.	Primitive Xtianity.
Plinys Panegy.	A vol. of Tragedies.
A Common Prayer Book.	A vol. of Telemachus's travels.
Parson's Chronology.	A vol. of Highwaymen's lives.
Tables of Europe.	Ye 2nd vol. of ye Dancing Master.
Poems by Seve'l Hands.	Ye 1st vol. Woods Institutes.
Popes Poems.	Harnabys Rhetorick.
Rules of Civility.	Fruit Garden Calender.
A Flute Book.	Beggars Opera.
Verlots, 10 vol., Sweden, french,	The fair Circasion.
&c.	The life of John Sheppard.
Verlots Revol. Portugal, french,	The curious maid, a Tail.
Octavo.	The Innocency of Error.
Greek Gramer.	Ye Nature of Man, a poem.
Robertson's Phars's.	Ye hist. of ye seige of Damascus.
Erasmus' Colloquys.	Ye victory of Cupid.
Scots Christian life.	Virginia Laws, made in 1730 & 1732.

A true abstract—Teste:

J. P. H. CRISMOND, C. C.

16. SUSANNA⁸ BEVERLEY (*Harry*,² *Robert*¹), born November 15, 1706 (*Christ Church Register*); married (license dated November 22, 1726) Benjamin Winslow, of Essex county (son of Thomas Winslow, who was living in Essex in 1703, and died in that county, leaving a will, proved in August, 1726). There are on record in Spotsylvania deeds, one dated December 15, 1751, in which she gives 595 acres of land to her son, Beverley Winslow, and one dated October, 1764, 595 to her son, Benjamin Winslow, both tracts being parts of a tract of 1,190 acres in Spotsylvania, left her by her father, Harry Beverley, deceased. There is in Essex, dated September, 1733, a power of attorney from Susanna, wife of Benjamin Winslow, to her friend, Colonel William Beverley [of Blandfield]. The will of Benjamin Winslow, dated December 16, 1748, was proved in Essex May 21, 1751. His legatees were his wife, sons, Beverley, Benjamin and Harry; daughter, Susanna Beverley (whom he leaves to the guardianship of Beverley Stanard), and another daughter whom he does not name ("my two daughters"). Legacies were given to "my children," so there may have been others not named in the will.

Benjamin and Susanna⁸ (Beverley) Winslow had issue: I. Beverley, sheriff of Spotsylvania 1764; II. Benjamin; III. Harry; IV. Susanna Beverley; V. Daughter.

17. MARY⁸ BEVERLEY (*Harry*,² *Robert*¹), born March 27, 1704 (*Christ Church Register*); married Larkin Chew, of Spotsylvania county (license dated September 20, 1733), who was son of Larkin Chew (who

was living in King and Queen in 1703, later in Essex and Spotsylvania; was justice of latter county 1722, sheriff 1727 and 1728, and member of the House of Burgesses 1723 and 1726, and left will, proved in Spotsylvania April 1, 1729). Larkin Chew, the younger, was a justice of Spotsylvania and sheriff 1739 and 1754. On May 3, 1752, Larkin Chew, gent., and Mary, his wife, made a deed to Beverley Stanard, of Spotsylvania, conveying, in consideration of love and affection for said Stanard and his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of said Larkin and Mary Chew, 528 acres in the parish of St. George, Spotsylvania county, 193 acres part thereof having been granted to John Chew, gent., by patent June 4, 1726, and the other 335 acres were given said John Chew by his father, Larkin Chew, gent., deceased, by deeds, dated July 3 and 4, 1727, and the whole being now the property of said Larkin Chew. By deed, September, 1758, Larkin Chew and Mary, his wife, conveyed to John Smith, of King and Queen county, and his wife, Mary, daughter of the said Larkin and Mary Chew, 1,042 acres in Spotsylvania, part of a patent to Harry Beverley, deceased, dated December 24, 1700, and by the said Harry Beverley devised to his daughter, the said Mary Chew. There is recorded in Spotsylvania a deed, dated December, 1770, from Oliver Towles, of Spotsylvania, and his wife, Mary, reciting that she was daughter of Larkin Chew, and making provision for Larkin, Mary, and Elizabeth Smith, her children by her former husband, John Smith, and for her children by said Oliver Towles. Larkin Chew's will was dated March 29, with a codicil April 6, 1770, proved September, 1770. Legatees: wife, Mary, grandson, Larkin Smith, and for want of his heirs, reversion to the other children of daughter, Mary Towles; certain property to be divided between the children of daughters, Elizabeth and Mary; grandsons, William Stanard and Larkin Smith; sons-in-law, Mordecai Buckner and Oliver Towles.

Larkin and Mary³ (Beverley) Chew had issue: I. Mary, married, first, John Smith, of "Rickahock," King and Queen county (and had Colonel Larkin Smith, captain of cavalry in the Revolution and Speaker of the House of Delegates; Mary and Elizabeth); married, second, Oliver Towles, of Spotsylvania, colonel in the Revolution, and had issue; II. Elizabeth Beverley, married, about April 19, 1750 (date of marriage bond), Beverley Stanard, of "Roxbury," Spotsylvania (and had William, of "Roxbury," Larkin, of "Stanfield," Spotsylvania; Beverley and several daughters); married, second, Mordecai Buckner, colonel in the Revolution (his land bounty warrant is on record in the Virginia Land Office) (and had John, Baldwin Matthews, and perhaps daughters).

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